



Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Chad Bianco, Sheriff-Coroner

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June 24, 2019

MuckRock News
Attn: Emma Best
DEPT MR 74496
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: California Public Records Act (CPRA) Request, Pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 6250, et seq.

Dear Ms. Best,

On May 30, 2019, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department received your requests based on the California Public Records Act ("CPRA" – Government Code §§ 6250 et seq.) The time for response was extended for an additional period of 14-Days up until June 24, 2019 pursuant to the CPRA as outlined in Government Code § 6253. Your original request is attached to this response determination letter and has been processed as follows:

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department response applies to one or more of the sections listed. Sections in red are responsive to your request.

- ☐ Records responsive to your request have been located and will be made available for inspection and/or copying during normal business hours. Moreover, copies of the requested records will be made available upon payment of the appropriate fees covering the costs of duplication as provided in Government Code § 6253(b). ***Please See Section I on page 2 for details.***
- ☒ We regret to inform you that it has been determined that there are no disclosable records that can be made available for inspection and/or copying in response to your request because
 - ☒ Records do not exist. ***Please see Section II on page 2 for details.***
 - ☐ The record does not belong to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. ***Please see Section III on page 2 for details.***
 - ☒ There are no disclosable records that can be made available for inspection and/or copying in response to your request on the basis that the records sought are exempt from disclosure under the CPRA. ***Please see Section IV on page 3 for details.***
- ☐ Records responsive to your request have been located and will be made available for inspection and/or copying during normal business hours. Moreover, copies of the requested records will be made available upon payment of the appropriate fees covering the costs of duplication as provided in Government Code § 6253(b).

However, it has also been determined that some records and/or portions of such records are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250 et seq.) and thus will be withheld or subject to redaction on the basis of the various grounds. ***Please see Section V on page 3 for details.***

Thank you for your interest in Riverside County Sheriff's Department records. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at: (951) 955-2467

Sincerely,

CHAD BIANCO, SHERIFF

Ken Thurm, Sergeant
Professional Standards Bureau

CB: KT:bh

SECTION I: DISCLOSABLE RECORDS

SECTION II: RECORDS DO NOT EXIST

Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism
Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists
Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups
Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or "dox" (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists

SECTION III: RECORD DOES NOT BELONG TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SECTION IV: NO DISCLOSABLE RECORDS EXEMPTIONS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6254(a) Request # <small>Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts sent to or received from either the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, any fusion center or federal agency relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6254(k) <input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with Evidence Code § 1040 Request #
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6254(b) Request #	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with Article I, § 1 of the California Constitution Request #
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6254(c) Request #	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with Evidence Code §§ 952 and 954 Request #
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6254(f) Request #	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with Welfare and Institutions Code § 827 Request #
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6254(u) Request #	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and with the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CACMIA") Request #
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6254.29 Request #	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with Penal Code §§ 832.5, 832.7 and 832.8, Evidence Code §§ 1043 and 1046 Request #
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6255 Request #	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with Penal Code § 1546 Request #

SECTION V: REDACTED RECORDS EXEMPTIONS

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<input type="checkbox"/> Government Code § 6255 Request #	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in conjunction with Penal Code § 1546 Request #

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Government Code Reference Sheet

Government Code § 6254(a)- provides that preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency memoranda that are not retained by the public agency in the ordinary course of business, if the public interest in withholding those records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(b)- provides that records pertaining to pending litigation to which the public agency is a party, or to claims made pursuant to Government Code § 810 et seq., are exempt from disclosure until the pending litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or settled.

Government Code § 6254(c)- provides that personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy is exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(f)- provides that law enforcement investigation, security and intelligence information file records of a local police agency are exempt from disclosure. Furthermore, as set forth in Rivero v. Superior Court, 54 Cal. App. 4th 1048 (1997) and Williams v. Superior Court, 5 Cal. 4th 337 (1993), the investigatory file exemption to the public records act request is not lost even where the investigation is deemed concluded or terminated.

Government Code § 6254(k)- read in conjunction with Evidence Code § 1040, provides that official information acquired in confidence by a public employee is exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(k)- read in conjunction with Article I, § 1 of the California Constitution provides that personal information details are subject to privacy rights that make such information exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(k)- read in conjunction with Evidence Code §§ 952 and 954 provides that attorney-client confidential communications, attorney work-product material and privileged material are exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(k)- read in conjunction with Welfare and Institutions Code § 827 provides that juvenile case file records are exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(k)- read in conjunction with the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") statutory protections which provides that health care patient confidentiality and medical treatment details are exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(k)- read in conjunction with the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CACMIA") statutory protections which provides that health care patient confidentiality and medical treatment details are exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(k)- read in conjunction with Penal Code §§ 832.5, 832.7 and 832.8, Evidence Code §§ 1043 and 1046 which provide that peace officer or custodial officer personnel records information may only be obtained via the noticed motion procedure required by said statutes and therefore is exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(k) read in conjunction with Penal Code § 1546 which is the recently enacted Electronic Communications Privacy Act and provides confidentiality of electronic communications from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254.29 -provides that social security number information is exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6254(u)- provides that certain information contained in applications for licenses to carry firearms issued pursuant to Penal Code 12050 by a county sheriff are exempt from disclosure.

Government Code § 6255 -the records in question are exempt because under the facts of the particular case the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record.

Huston, Brittany

From: MIB
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:01 PM
To: CPRA
Subject: FW: California Public Records Act Request: Anonymous + general hacktivists 2009-2018 (Riverside County Sheriff)

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Riverside County Sheriff
PRA Office
4095 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

May 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

Documents mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defined as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between 1 January 2009 and 1 January 2019, including but not limited to:

- * Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism
- * Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists
- * Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts sent to or received from either the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, any fusion center or federal agency relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism
- * Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups
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Anonymous has been described by government agencies as a non-hierarchical hacktivist collective, Anonymous uses hacking (and arguably cracking) techniques to register political protest in campaigns known as "#ops." Best known for their distributed denial of services (DDoS) attacks, past activities have included attacks against the Church of

Scientology; Visa, Paypal, and others who withdrew their services from WikiLeaks' Julian Assange after that group began releasing war documents; #OpTunisia and others purporting to support the Arab Spring; and a campaign that brought down the website of the Westboro Baptist Church. #Ops are usually marked with the release of a video of a reader in a Guy Fawkes mask using a computer generated voice. See attached for additional background information.

I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the Internet Archive and MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance.

As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Emma Best

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PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.

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